





## Mails.

**NOTICE.**

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

**TU-MORROW**, the 22nd of August, 1894, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *OXUS*, Commandant DEPRONT, with **MAILS**, will leave this Port for the above places.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, August 21, 1894. 1300

**NOTICE.**

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS OF THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

**ON SATURDAY**, the 25th instant, at Daylight, the Company's Steamship *SACHSEN*, Captain H. BURWER, with **MAILS**, will leave this Port for the above places.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 16, 1894. 1333



**STEAM FOR**

CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

**THE Steamship SURAT**, Captain J. F. JEPSON, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 30th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This steamer connects at Bombay with PENINSULAR which vessel takes on her cargo for London, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1894.)

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 16, 1894. 1333

## Intimations.

**BUDDHISM: ITS HISTORICAL, THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS.**

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Price, . . . . . \$1.50.

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Price: 15 CENTS per Copy.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE, Hongkong, May 17, 1893. 905

## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would be materially aided by the COLLEGE of Medicine for Chinese, by forwarding to the ASIAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

(1) Class Jars (for museum purposes).

(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to

JOHN C. THOMPSON, Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, February 26, 1891.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of One Pound Sterling (£1) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 20th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 18, 1894. 1362

**FOR SALE.**

WE have Received from AMERICA a Large Consignment of Oregon PINE PLANK and LOGS, and have also in STOCK a quantity of CHINESE PINE, TEAK, &c.

For Particulars, apply to

PROPRIETORS, YEK MOW TAI, Timber Yard, 77, YAU-MAI, EAST.

Hongkong, August 21, 1894. 1365

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Halcyon*, Captain ROBERT, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 21, 1894. 1361

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.**

TAIRING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAY, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaio (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) . . . . . TUESDAY, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.

Redie (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) . . . . . WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m.

Oceanic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) . . . . . TUESDAY, Oct. 30, at 1 p.m.

GAIO Steamship *GAIO* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, 11th September, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (once each) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agents, or to the Company, No. 7, Praya Oscura.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 21, 1894. 1364

**Dakin, Cruickshank & Company, Ltd.**

**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.**

**FIRST-CLASS DISPENSING** at prices that will bear comparison with first-rate pharmacies at home.

Every care is taken to ensure prompt despatch; all Drugs and Chemicals used are guaranteed to be of the finest quality, and all the Europeans in the firm are qualified by British examination.

**PATENT MEDICINES, INVALIDS' REQUISITES, SURGICAL APPLIANCES, ETC., ETC.,** at Current Rates.

**SPONGES, PERFUMERY, TOILET REQUISITES.**

The Dispensary is open from 7 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. on WEEK DAYS and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on SUNDAYS, but Medicine may be obtained at any hour, day or night.

Any Complaints should be addressed to the MANAGER.

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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bombay & Port of India	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Aug. 25, daylight.
Japan	Anona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 31, daylight.
Kobe	Lennox (s)	Doddwell, Carrill & Co.	Aug. 25, at 5 p.m.
Kobe & Yokohama	Asanby (s)	Shewan & Co.	August 30.
London, v. Suez Canal	Alderley (s)	Butterfield & Swire	September 1.
London & Ports of Call	Sumat (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 30, at noon.
London and Hamburg	Cammermehre (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About August 29.
London and Hamburg	Trocas (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Sept. 12.
London	Jana (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 25.
London, v. Marseilles	Aden (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 4.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Doris (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Aug. 25, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Madouff (s)	Doddwell, Carrill & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco	Bliss (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	George S. House	Butterfield & Swire	Sept. 3, at 4 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Chinglin (s)	Butterfield & Swire	August 30.
Samarang & Surabaya	Shantung (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Aug. 29, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Rio de Janeiro	D. & G. S. S. Co.	Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Gaio (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Silberhorn (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 22, at 3 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Memnon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 27.
Shanghai	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 28.
Shanghai	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About August 30.
S. Pore, Havre & Hong Kong	Daphne (s)	Siemens & Co.	About August 30.
Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui	Hailong (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Aug. 23, at noon.
Tientsin	Kwiyang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	September 3.
Vancouver (B.C.) & Empress of India (s)	Empress of India (s)	Canadian Pacific Rly. Co.	Sept. 5, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.) &c.	Victoria (s)	Nor. P. & S. & R. Co.	Aug. 23, at noon.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**UNION LINE.**

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Yokohama*, Captain MURRAY, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHIBWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1894. 1363

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR TIENTSIN.

The Steamship *Kueiying*, Capt. OTTERBROOK, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 3rd proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1894. 1360

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**

Benlomond, British str., 1,752, Thomson, Moji August 16, Coal.—GIBBS, LIVINGSTON & Co.

City of Rio de Janeiro, American steamer, 3,548, J. T. Smith, San Francisco July 25, Yokohama August 14, and Nagasaki 17, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Taichow, British steamer, 802, H. Deane, Bangkok and other ports August 15, General.—YOUNG PAT HONG.

Hailong, British steamer, 783, J. Roach, Tamsui August 16, Amoy 19, and Swatow 20, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Irene, British str., 826, Henry Webber, Foochow August 19, Vermecill.—WILDER & Co.

Kwang Sun, Chinese gunboat, Captain Cheung, from Swatow.

Kwong Yek, Chinese gunboat, Captain Cheung, from Swatow.

Taiyang, British steamer, from Canton.

Bygdø, Norwegian str., 779, C. Brekke, Bangkok Aug. 15, General.—ED. SCHUELLHASS & Co.

Ovas, French steamer, 1,897, Dupont, Shanghai August 18, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**DEPARTURES.**

Alpine, for Hailong.

Maria Valeria, for Shanghai.

Emeralda, for Amoy.

Telamon, for Singapore and London.

Oceanic, for Amoy, Japan, and San Francisco.

Fokien, for Swatow.

**PASSENGERS.**

Per City of Rio de Janeiro, from San Francisco, &c., Mrs. C. Foster, Captain J. C. Brotherton.

Per Taichow, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

Per Hailong, from Coast Ports, 2 Chinese (cabin), 6 Europeans, and 162 Chinese.

**DEPARTED.**

Per Alpine, for Hailong, 100 Chinese.

Per Emeralda, for Amoy, 3 Europeans, and 10 Chinese.

Per Fokien, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per Ward, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Nares, Mrs. J. da Souza, Prof. Aoyama and Japanese servant, Dr. Takagi, Dr. Takata, Dr. Miyamoto, and 1 Indian man; for San Francisco, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Beattie, Messrs. Chen Quong Chong, Simon Joan and J. Constantine.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**

The British steamer *Benlomond* reports: Had light winds and fine weather.

The American steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro* reports: From San Francisco July 25th, via Yokohama August 14th, and Nagasaki 17th. Arrived at Hongkong 21st; have had fine weather from Yokohama. Passage 7 days, 58 minutes.

The British steamer *Taichow* reports: Had light winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Hailong* reports: Left Tamsui on the 16th, and experienced fresh S.W. winds and cloudy weather to port. Left Amoy on the 19th, and experienced light S.W. winds and fine weather to port. Left Amoy on the 20th, and experienced light variable winds and fine clear weather to port. Steamers in Amoy, Soochow, Glukburg, Kitz and Nor-mandia. Steamers in Swatow, Kwonggang, Whampoa, Hongkong, Wansung, Wosung and Nansung.

The British steamer *Irene* reports: Had light S.W. winds, and sea smooth.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**

**MAILS will close:—**

For SHANGHAI, 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For NAGASAKI, 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 22nd inst.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

**Shipping.**

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Memnon leaves for Sandakan, &c.

**General Memoranda.**

Friday, August 24.—

Noon.—Auction of Sundries at H. M. Naval Yard.

Goods per *Maria Valeria* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Monday, August 27.—

Dividend Warrants of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., payable.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 10th proximo, inclusive.

Monday, September 10.—

(1 of 50 Cents on Shares of The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., due.

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Hotel Co., at the Hongkong Hotel.

**Quotations.**

Hongkong, August 21, 1894.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 715

" Old, cash, 724

" New Benares, cash, 724

" Old Malwa credit, Allowances, Cattle, 100 sales.

" Old Malwa credit, Allowances, Cattle, 100 sales.

" Persian, Paper tied, Allowances, Cattle, 100 sales.

**Exchange.**

Hongkong, August 21, 1894.

On London, . . . . . 2 1/2

On demand, . . . . . 2 1/2

30 days sight, . . . . . 2 1/2

4 months sight, . . . . . 2 1/2

Credit, 4, . . . . . 2 1/2

On Paris, . . . . . 2 1/2

On demand, . . . . . 2 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight, . . . . . 2 1/2

On Berlin—Demand, . . . . . 2 1/2

On New York, . . . . . 62 1/2

On demand, . . . . . 54

On Bombay, . . . . . 192

Wire, . . . . . 192

On demand, . . . . . 192

On Calcutta, . . . . . 192

Wire, . . . . . 192

On demand, . . . . . 192

On Shanghai, . . . . . 7 1/2

On demand, . . . . . 7 1/2

30 days sight, private paper, . . . . . 7 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tal), . . . . . 147.70

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate), . . . . . 8.08

Silver (per oz.), . . . . . 29 3/4

**A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.**

Ex S.S. ADEN.

We have Received our First Shipment of

**Vegetable & Flower Seeds.**

**SEASON 1894-95.**

The SEEDS will be OPENED OUT as soon as the weather suits fine, and in the meantime orders will be booked for execution in the sequence in which they are received as long as the supply lasts.

**SEED LISTS**

with

HINTS FOR GARDENING have been issued and may still be obtained on application.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up in London. They are packed under our own Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised to insure protection in transit.



It is reported on good authority that the United States ship *Monterey*, *Olympia*, *Philadelphia* and *Boston* are on their way to these waters, with a view to the protection of American interests.

It is reported from Tientsin that the C. M. S. N. Co. have offered every European officer willing to stay in their employ until the close of the war the following terms:—Double pay; Tia. 10,000 to relatives if killed while on duty; and Tia. 2,000 at the close of the war.

The British steamship *Damen*, which arrived in Hongkong last week with a cargo of Cardiff coal for the British Naval Station at Hakodadi, has been detained pending decision as to where she shall unload. She was kept in Singapore four days for a similar reason. The Naval authorities here wished the captain to take her to Chiofo, as being more convenient for the British warships now assembled near the seat of war; but the Captain urged that as such a trip would involve certain distinct risks, he must have special arrangements to cover possible contingencies. It has therefore, we believe, been decided to unload her here, as soon as the Captain has communicated by wire with his own.

On Friday next several medals are to be presented to various members of the police force. What they have done to deserve them more than anybody else will probably be stated when the presentation takes place. It should be stated, at any rate, for it is not self-evident. In fact, we have been asked to advertise a reward of five dollars to anyone who can discover the reason; but confound and puzzle competitions are out of our line. These police medals are quite an amusing institution. Some time ago a member of the police saved a number of Chinese from drowning in the harbor during a typhoon, and for this heroic deed a medal was presented to a man who wasn't there. On another occasion, two policemen were on a wharf watching the storm play havoc with a crowd of junk and sea wreckage among the piles below the wharf; one of the men saw a boatman and her child among the debris; he got down and managed to effect a rescue, while the other man, on top of the wharf, also lent a hand. A member of the Legislative Council (now gone) was near, and thought the deed worth a medal—which was given to the man who stayed high and dry in perfect safety. Quite lately when a junk was capsized by collision with the steamer *Kuonshui* off West Point about 3 a.m., a policeman swam out from the *Praya* 200 yards or more with an axe, cut open the upturned bottom of the boat, and saved the occupants. The result is that, instead of getting a medal, he has had \$10 or \$20 deducted from his pay for being in hospital. Now, probably if that man had stayed in his bed he would have been an inspector by this time.

The following specimen of "English as she is wrote" was received recently from Biebrich on the Rhine (no relation to Ehren of that ilk):—

"Dear Sir:—  
Your honest address I have received of a friend; I am a great friend of stamps, postage, and envelopes, and I beg you to have the favour to send me a number of stamps, etc. of your country and if possible also of your neighbourhood.  
For your kindness I thank you very much and I am glad, if you give me also some occasion to can to also your service; I am with great pleasure in all falls at your disposition.  
In the hope, that your fulfill my wish I remain  
Your truly,  
C. B."

"Excuse please, Dear Sir, I am a German and cannot good English.  
If you are also a friend of stamps I will send you also stamps, etc., with pleasure of Europe."  
No suggestion of a remittance—Herr C. B. is not a friend, very of payments-money.

It is interesting to read the comments of American journalists on international diplomacy. As a specimen of the stuff which is being written in the United States about the war in Korea, we give the following quotation from a leading article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:—"It is more than likely that our brilliant Secretary of State, Gresham, has put his foot in it again by sending a dispatch to Japan saying that the United States would view with regret the levying of an unjust war by Japan upon a weak and defenseless nation like Korea. The Secretary himself will neither confirm nor deny the story, but it seems well authenticated, and if true, the fully and stupidly of the dispatch must be apparent. Nobody has asked Mr. Gresham to decide as to whether war by Japan on Korea would be just or unjust, and his premeditation of the question is a gratuitous insult to a friendly power. The important question is, however, what influence was brought to bear on Secretary Gresham to make him take sides in a controversy with which the United States has no possible concern? Looking around, the first thought would be that the Chinese had whipped soft nobles in the ear of the gullible Secretary, but when we reflect that he and Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, are on terms of intimacy, and that the Cleveland Administration all through has manifested decided hostility to Great Britain, it is at least permissible to conjecture that Gresham has viewed the Korean situation exactly as Sir Julian wanted him to, and has interferred, possibly ignorantly, on behalf of China and Great Britain. Korea has been a sort of debating ground for a long time. China has claimed it, Japan has claimed it, Russia has wanted it, and England has cast envious eyes upon it. Such being the case it is a good country for the United States to let alone, unless we have determined to alter our traditional policy and take a hand in the politics of the world, and if this be the case we want somebody else than Walter C. Gresham for Secretary of State, and somebody else than Grover Cleveland for President."

AN earthquake was felt at Nagasaki at 11.20 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th inst.

The F. & O. S. N. Company's s.s. *Bombay*, from China, arrived at London on the afternoon of the 19th inst.

The *Nagasaki Express* says that no information has leaked out in Japan about the Chinese despatch boat *Tsushien* having Tia. 300,000 on board when captured.

TELEGRAMS.  
(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")  
(Via Southern Line.)

LONDON, August 19, 1894.  
GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND SIAM.

Sir Edward Grey (Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs), in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that hitherto the Government had been most careful not to create irritation over the Franco-Siam question where British interests were not directly affected, but if any new phase arose in the relations between France and Siam threatening British interests, the Government would be obliged to pursue a new course.

DETENTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE CHINESE FLEET.  
The Government have detained in the Tyne a torpedo catcher fully equipped and about to start for China in contravention to the neutrality laws.

THE CHINA JAPAN WAR.  
(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

GREAT DEFEAT OF THE JAPANESE.  
SHANGHAI, 21st August, 10.12 a.m.

A great battle was fought at Pingyang, about 80 miles north-west of Seoul, whence the Japanese army had marched to intercept the Chinese army from the north. The Japanese were defeated, and lost 1000 killed, including some women.

Later.  
The battle was fought on the 13th inst. [No information has been received by the Japanese Consul regarding this fight, and it is by no means improbable that the news is no more reliable than the statement circulated by the Chinese authorities some time ago that the Japanese Admiral had been killed. The Royal Korean Mint is at Pingyang (or Pienyang) as it appears in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs returns].—En., China Mail.

RESTRICTIONS ON COAST PILOTS.  
We have received the following letter from the General Chamber of Commerce:—

H.B.M. Consulate,  
Canton, 18th August, 1894.  
Sir—I have the honour to inform you that I have received a despatch from the Chinese Superintendent of Customs giving me notice that the Chinese Government has issued instructions prohibiting pilots on the Coast from giving their services to Japanese vessels. Any person infringing this rule will be liable to punishment, and will have his pilotage certificate cancelled—I have &c., &c.

(Sgd.) BYRON BRESNAN,  
To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Yokohama, August 18.  
The *Kokusa* states that five British men-of-war are lying at anchor at Otsu, watching the movements of the Japanese fleet on either side of the sea. Some other British ships have gone to the China Sea to keep watch on the movements of the French Squadron in the neighbourhood of the strait and any ambitious attempt which France may conceive against Siam.

Nagasaki, August 15.  
The following foreign forces are at present reported to be in Chang-Dong, the Foreign Settlement in Seoul:—English: 3080 soldiers and 1000 sailors under command of Lieut. Spencer of the *Horsey* of the *Archer*. American: Captain G. F. Elliott, Ensign G. N. Hayward, Ensign H. G. Macfarland, Naval Cadet C. C. Tewel, P. A. Surgeon P. N. Bryant, Pay Clerk James Shaw, and 21 Marines and 24 Blue-jackets of the *Baltimore*. German: 22 Blue-jackets under command of Lieut. von Solwind of the *Rita*. Russian: 45 Blue-jackets under command of Lieut. R. Faehmann of the *Koryeet*.

THE SCENE OF THE LAST FIGHT.  
The following particulars may be of interest in view of the telegraphic information we publish elsewhere with reference to a great battle at Pingyang:—

A native official telegram received at Shanghai on the 16th inst. and Nanking on the 17th inst. contains information of the actual number of Japanese troops now in Korea, which puts them at 34,600 odd men, of which 800 are cavalry, and that these troops are expected to meet at Seoul between the 24th and 26th of this month. The Chinese troops said to be three days' march from Seoul, are reported to be some 10,000 men, and would be in the Tattung river, about fifty miles from Pingyang. The men were said to be wandering in the mountains north of Seoul, supported in a great measure by friendly Koreans. It is reported that over 20,000 Koreans are in arms against the Japanese invaders, but being ill-provided with fire arms, a guerilla warfare among the mountains will be inaugurated until they can meet the Chinese army, who have had orders to supply the Korean auxiliaries with a lot of rifles which have been taken from the army. The Chinese main army is now resting at Pingyang (Pingyang)—377 li by telegraph line—and formidable earth works, etc., have already been thrown up, so that place is intended to be the first base of operations in Korea.

Very few people know that the Duke of Cambridge is Earl of Tipperary.

The Young Man—Gracie, what is it your father says in me to object to, darling? The Young Woman (sipping away a beer): He doesn't see anything in you, Algerine; that's why he objects.

INTERNATIONAL LAW.

The following brief notes from Ferguson's "International Law" will probably be useful for reference in regard to the Korean war:—

Part 4, chapter 23, section 154.—A country may be justified in interfering in the internal affairs of another country.  
C. 25, s. 161.—An injured State may, without declaring war, adopt measures of constraint which in fact amount to acts of war against the offending State, which may or may not constitute a *casus belli*.  
S. 162.—Reprisal or retaliation is not justified on behalf of a third State unless there is a prior treaty of alliance between such third State and the State doing the act.

S. 163.—Reprisals are not really to be distinguished from open war.

Part 5, C. 27, s. 171.—It is practically impossible to lay down rules defining the justice or injustice of a cause of war.

C. 28, s. 172.—After war has been duly begun by proclamation or otherwise, the belligerents are entitled to the rights of war.  
C. 29, s. 173.—Declaration of war not requisite, except with regard to neutrals.

"Where war breaks out at a moment which is not determined by the respective Governments engaged, or by that which has resulted from conditional orders given to its armed force, or from an act of self-preservation or of defence in regard to a hostile State, a manifesto cannot be issued. In such cases it is the duty of the belligerents to give every indulgence to neutrals."

S. 176.—War may or may not necessarily terminate upon the conclusion of peace between individuals. Individuals and their property in an enemy's country when war breaks out are not lawfully liable to injury or capture.

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